

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 415 – Death Certificates (LSB 1883SV)

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Description

Senate File 415 allows an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) or a physician assistant to sign a death certificate unless there is a non-natural cause of death. In the case of a non-natural death, a physician is required to sign the death certificate. The Bill requires the ARNP and physician assistant to be licensed in Iowa, to have been in charge of the deceased patient's care, and to have completed a special training course approved by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and regarding the completion of a death certificate.

Background

- Current law permits only a physician to sign death certificates.
- There is not a training course available in the State to train ARNPs or physician assistants on the completion of death certificates.

Assumptions

- The DPH will develop, implement, and track the trainings for the ARNPs on the completion of death certificates.
- Additional staff (2.0 FTE positions) will be required to develop and administer the training course.
- Existing data entry staff will be used to develop and maintain an electronic data system to track the trainings provided to ARNPs and those professionals that are able to legally complete death certificates.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of **SF 415** is an estimated increased cost to the General Fund of \$116,000 for FY 2012 and \$140,000 for FY 2013.

Source

Department of Public Health

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